SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Silk Fabrics

4219. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1413 given in Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1993, and state:

(a) the names of top 20 Commercial Concerns who got Import Licences for Silk Fabrics under the various Advance Licensing Schemes during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the value of Licences granted to each of these 20 Concerns;

(b) whether the substitution of indigenous Silk Fabrics, which are generally not to the quality and specifications of imported Chinees Silk Fabrics, is permitted under the Duty Exemption Scheme, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the necessary measures to prevent misuse of the facility of Duty-free Imports of Silk Fabrics are likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir. However, for ensuring that inferior quality is not substituted, pre-shipment inspection requirement has been reintroduced.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Electronic Goods

4220. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of exports of engineering and electronic goods during the last three years;

(b) the names of the countries where there is a large demand for these goods; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost exports of these goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Exports of engineering and electronic items grew at the following rates, in rupee terms, during the last three years:—

Year	Growth rate of engineering exports	Growth rate of electronic items exports
1990-91	24%	32%
1991-92	41%	34%
1992-93	33%	27%

(b) The major markets for engg. exports in 92-93 were U.S.A., Singapore, U.A.E., U.K, Japan, Sri Lanka, Germany, Nigeria, Italy, Commonwealth of Independent States etc. The main markets for exports of Indian electronic items are Singapore, Malaysia, U.S.A., U.K, Austria, Germany, France, Italy etc.

(c) Steps taken to promote export of engineering items include provision of Schemes to provide inputs for export at international price, facility of import at concessional duty, capital goods required for export production, duty drawback, exemption of export profit from income tax etc. To promote export of electronic items, Government have taken a number of steps which include introducing Electronics Hardware Technology Park Scheme, value based advance licence scheme, establishing Software Techonology Parks, extending the provision of 100% tax exemption on software export earnings by a year etc.

Export of Deoiled Meal

4221. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are intending to promote exports of deoiled meal as cattle feed to capture an enhanced share of far east markets; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

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